

**Virginia State Board of Education
ESL Special Subcommittee
February 10, 2005**

**10 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Marriott Hotel
Richmond, Virginia**

Committee Members Present: Mrs. Isis Castro, Chair; Mr. David Johnson; Mrs. Eleanor Saslaw; Dr. Ella Ward

Purpose of Subcommittee: To evaluate the needs of the growing English as a Second Language (ESL) population.

Summary of Subcommittee Meeting:

1. Welcome from Mrs. Castro, Chair
2. Introduction of Attendees
3. Presentation of the statewide limited English proficient (LEP) student performance on the Stanford English Language Proficiency (SELP) assessment for the 2003-2004 school year. Included in the presentation were the following:
 - a. An overview of the SELP assessment.
 - b. LEP student pass rates for: 1) 2003-2004 SELP as a proxy for the Reading/Language Arts Standards of Learning (SOL) assessments; and 2) Reading/Language Arts SOL assessments.
 - c. LEP student English language proficiency (ELP) level classifications for 2003-2004 based on SELP results.
 - d. Revisions to the SELP for the 2004-2005 school year.
4. Presentation of Proposed Amendments to Virginia's Consolidated State Application Accountability Plan Under the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*.
5. The following suggestions were raised as areas for the special subcommittee to consider.
 - a. Comparison of SELP assessment results by school division.
 - b. Comparison of LEP student performance on SELP and Reading/Language Arts SOL assessments.
 - c. Participation in additional consortium grant projects under the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*.
 - d. Revision of policy for monitored students regarding required ELP and SOL assessments.

e. Future state funding of the SELP assessment.

6. The next meeting of the subcommittee will be held on July 18, 2005, at 10 a.m. in Richmond, Virginia.